

16 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation between [] and []

1. I met [] at lunch on Friday, 16 November 1951 at his invitation. Not having seen each other for approximately two months, we took advantage of the opportunity to bring each other up-to-date on various matters of common concern in regard to Project FIEND and the meetings I attended with the British in Rome.

2. With reference to Project FIEND, I informed [] that we had received a message indicating that [] in London was trying to arrange for congratulatory telegrams to be sent in the names of Messrs. Churchill and Eden to the Albanian National Committee on the occasion of Albanian Independence Day, 28 November, and that this message implied that the question of these telegrams was mentioned during conversations between Mr. Wisner and [] in London earlier this month. I then pointed out that, in reply to an inquiry made by me, Mr. Wisner stated that he did not recall having discussed this subject. I added that unless we were in a position to send similar cables under the signatures of the President and Mr. Acheson, or other suitable high-level officials in the United States Government, the Churchill and Eden messages would be definitely undesirable from our point of view. I have asked [] to find out as soon as possible whether in fact the Foreign Office had agreed to the desirability of these messages and whether [] felt that he had a reasonably good chance of getting people like Churchill and Eden to show the recognition of the Committee which such cables would imply. [] promised to try to get me the answer by Monday night, 19 November.

3. [] stated that he had some papers for me on Bulgaria and handed me a translation of press reports concerning the trial of certain Bulgarian agents in Bulgaria, and forwarded by the British Legation in Sofia in response to a request from me.

4. [] informed me that he is to leave Washington toward the end of the month, sailing on the 29th December, in view of the fact that he is to be replaced by [], who will be

the SS representative

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the SS representative in Washington and is expected to arrive later this month. () of SS Headquarters, will also arrive in Washington in the near future and will spend one day here, probably 17 December, while en route back to London from the Far East.

[Chief, EE-1]

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